Foreign Parties:

(i) International Cciabtistiin Ltd. UK.

(ii) Ansaldo GIE, Italy

POWER SHORTAGE IN HARYANA AND UrrAR PRADESH

2670. DR. SANJAY SINGH : WiU the Minister of POWER be pleased io state;

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of power in the State of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, if s), what are the details of conscitiption and de mand of power for industries and Agri culture in those states, and

(b) what steps have bein taken nlpro-posed to be taken to meet the demand and by when these States are likely to bt-come self-sufflcienl in this field ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) During the period April, 1993—November, 1993, the energy' shortage in Haryam and Uttar Pradesh was 7.9 per cent and 10.2 per cent respectively as aeainst the ail-India average shortage of 7.4 per cent. Power supply to various categories o' consumers including industrial and agricultural sectors is within the authority of the State Govt. State Electricity Boards.

(b) Various measures are being taken to improve the availability of power in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh which include maximising generation from the existing generating stations, implemeniation of Renovation and modernisation programme, reduction m Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation measures and assistance from neighbouring Slates and systems, allocation of power from unallocated output of Central Sector Stations in the Northern Region.

PROPOSAL TO SET UP POWER TRANSMISSION 'LINES

2671. SHRI P. UPENDRA : WiU the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Power Grid Corpoi-ation of India has proposed to set up 800 KV power transmission lines between Kishanpur in J&K and Moga in Punjab;

(b) whether World Bank's assistance has been sought for this project;

(c) whethei- the World Bank has ex pressed some doubts regarding the cost of the project and suggested its deferment; and

(d) if so, what action Government ans taking to proceed with the projectt ?

THE MINISTER Ol- STATE iN THt MINISTRY OP POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU : (a) The Government has sanctioned consitruction of 800 KV single circaii transjuission lines between Kishanpur in J&K and Moga in Punjab. The line is ta be charged on 400 kv in the initial stage.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The World Bank had suggested to study and accept, if feasible an alternative line design of 400 kv, which could he upgraded 800' kv at a later date which the Bank felt, might be economical. The suggestion was examined by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (Powergrid) in consultation with its consultants. They opined that the
original proposal was advantageous as compared to World Bank proposal. It has been decided to retain the ordinal proposal.

PRIVATE SECTOR POWER PROJECTS

2672. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of POWER b« pleased to state: